



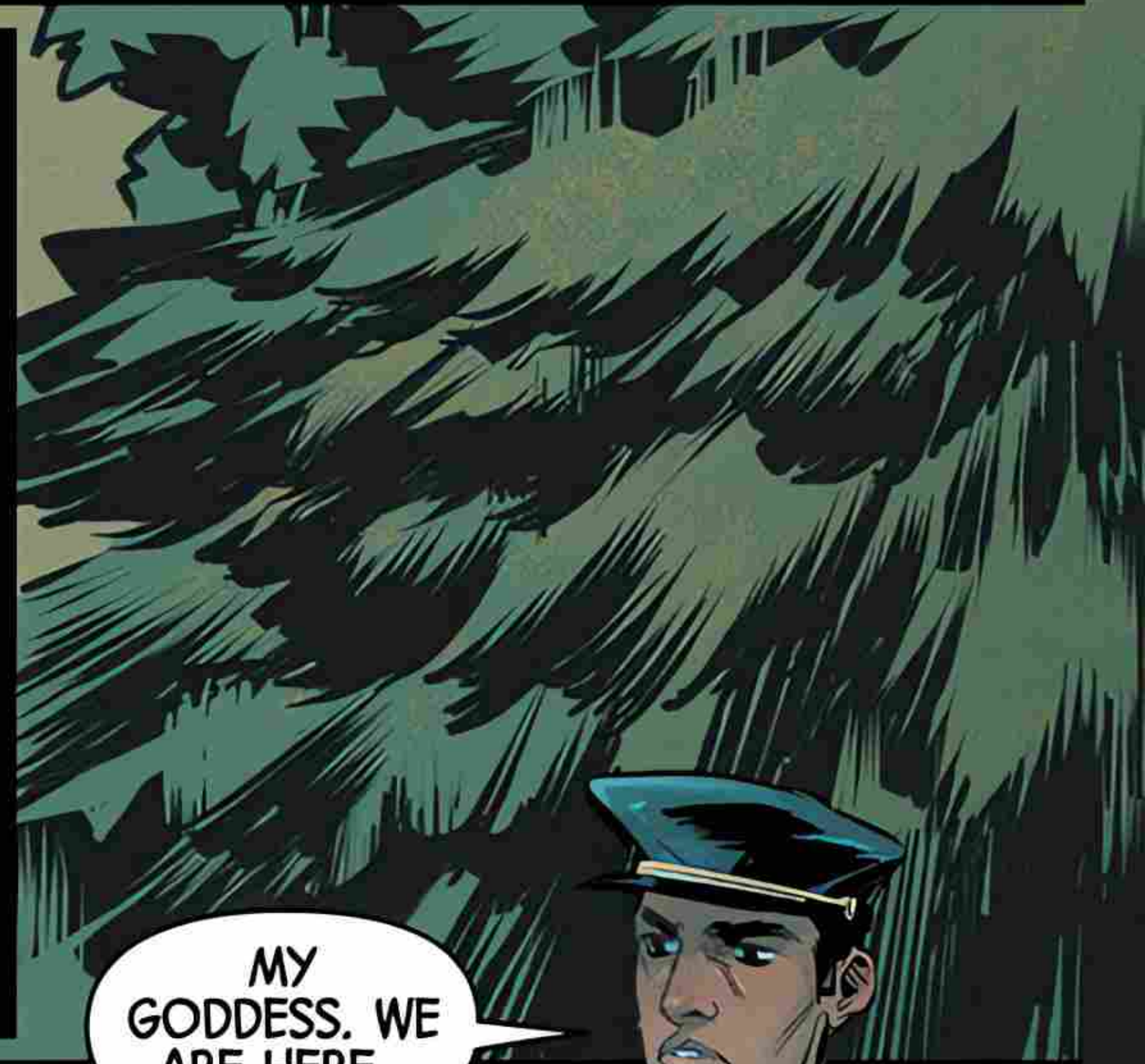
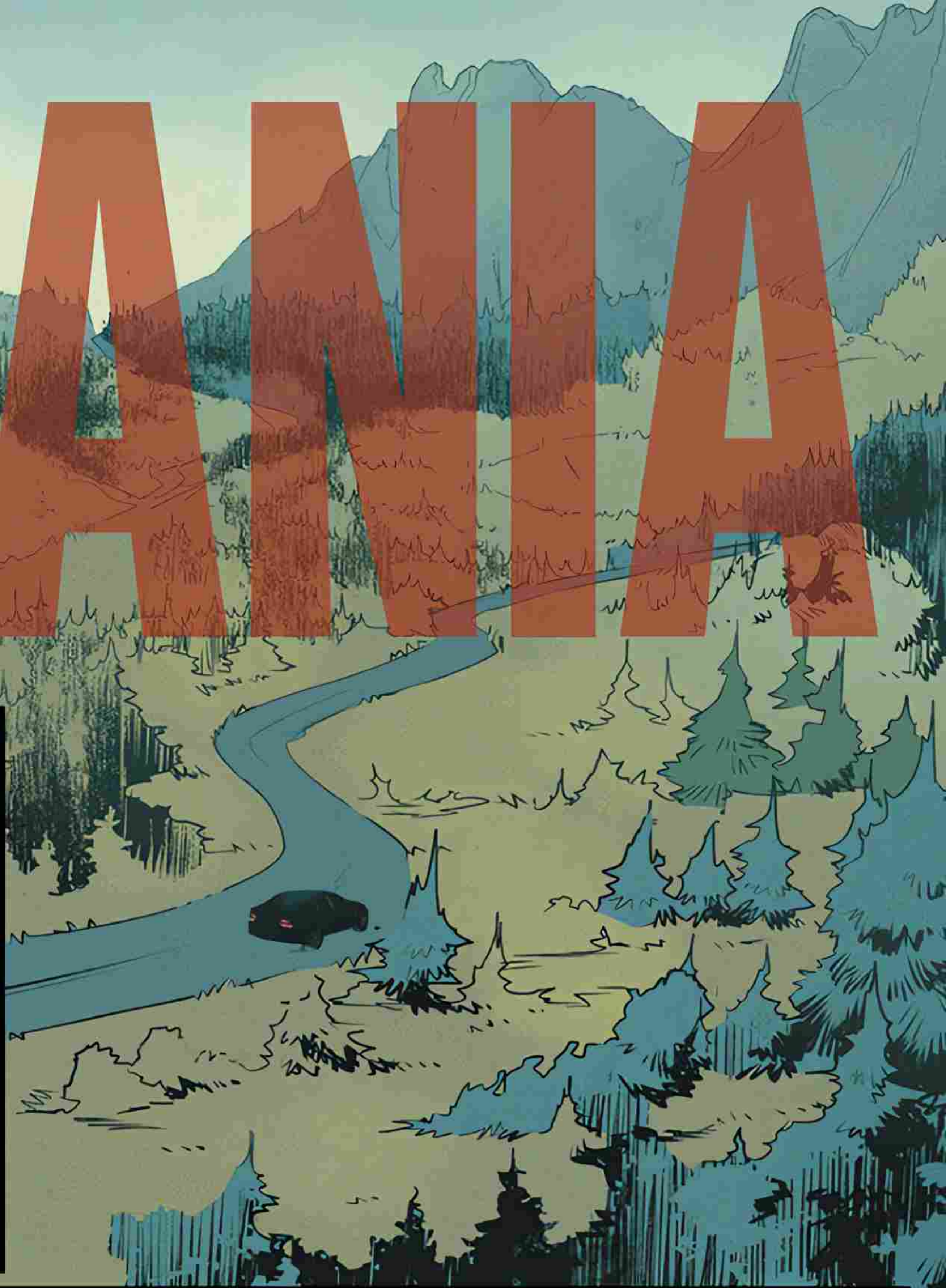
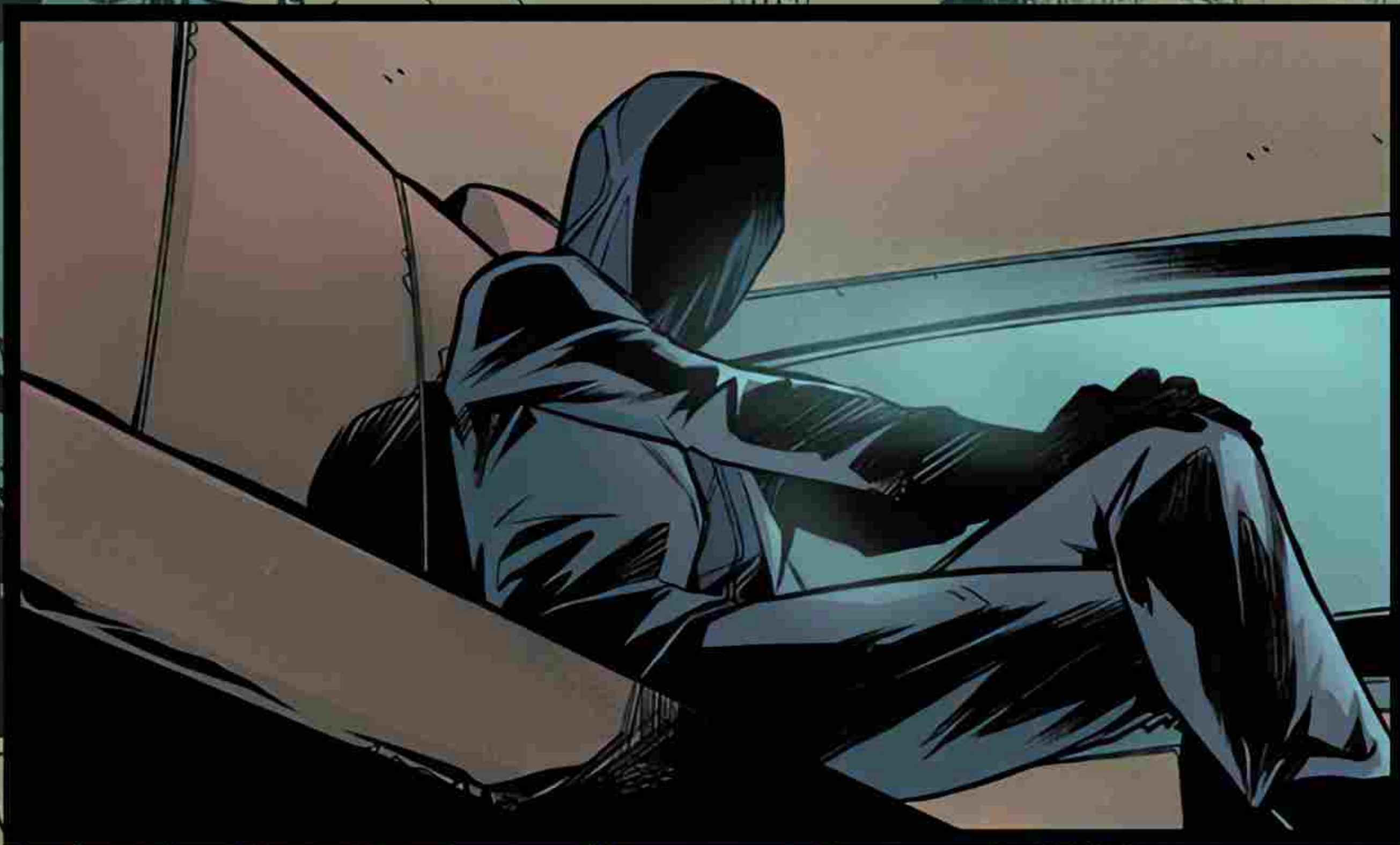
BLADE

MARVEL
3
LGY#031

PARENTAL
ADVISORY

HILL
CASAGRANDE
PINTI
POGGI
DIÁZ

ROMANIA



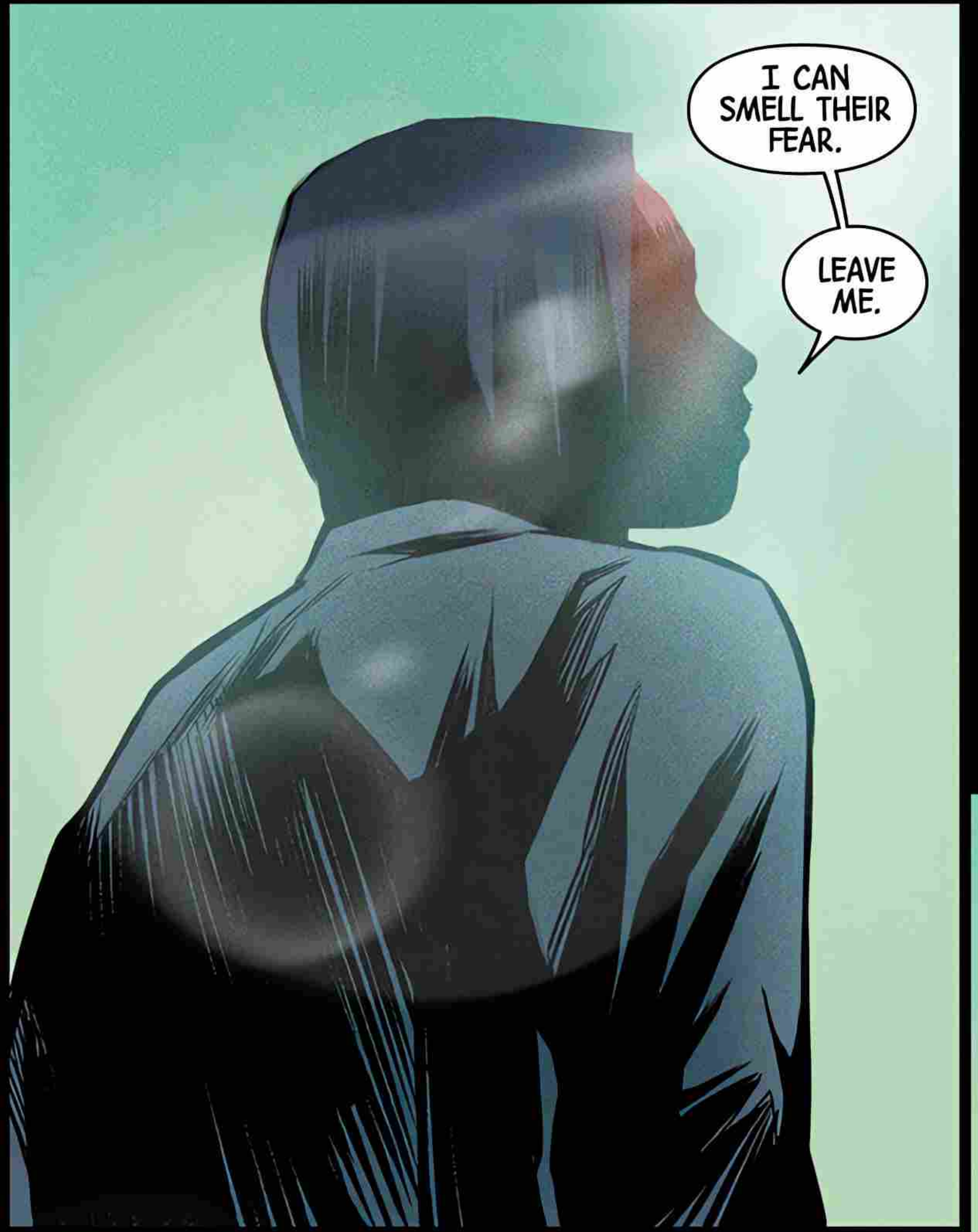
MY
GODDESS. WE
ARE HERE.





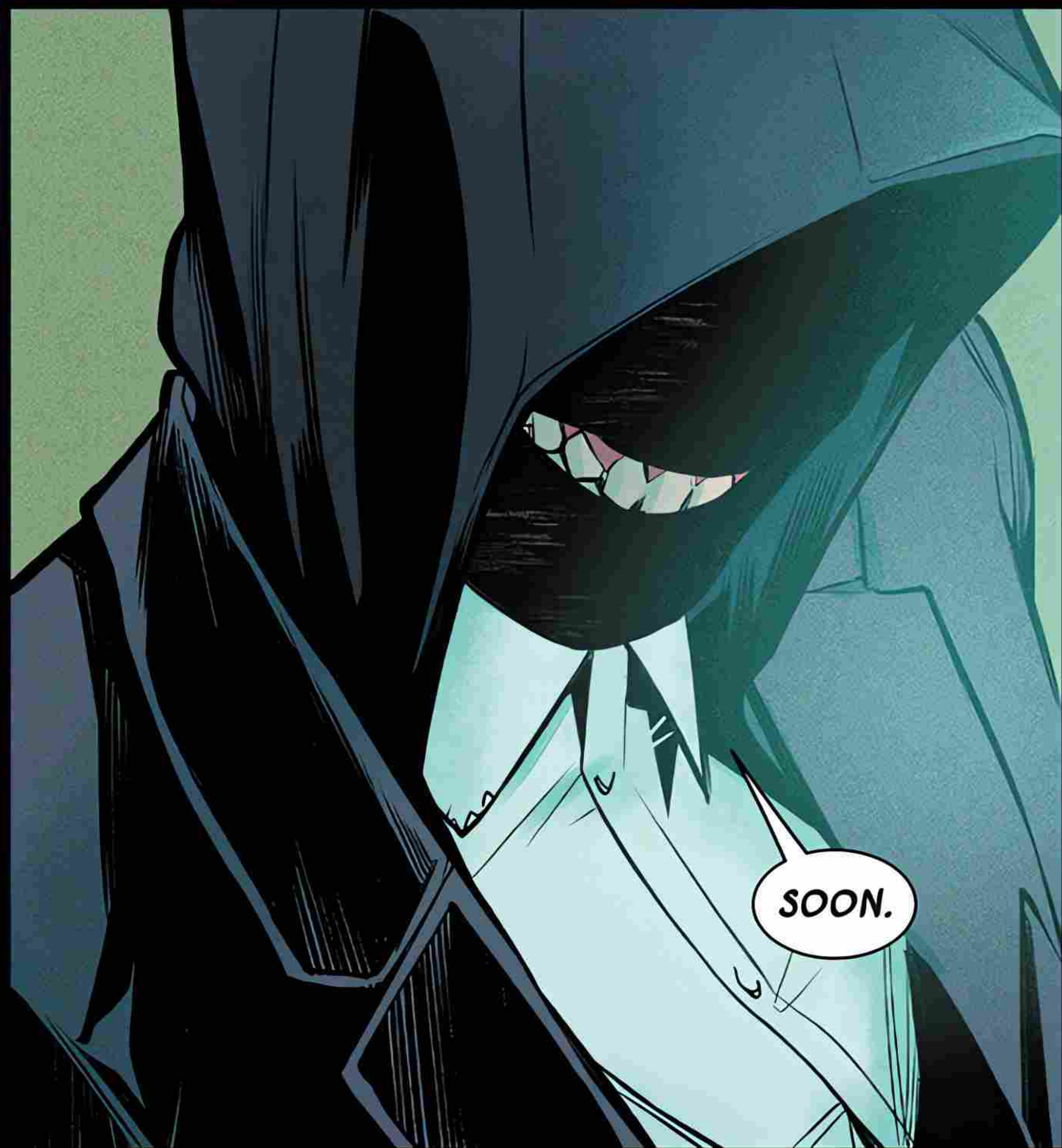
SOON.

THEY
WILL COME
SOON.



I CAN
SMELL THEIR
FEAR.

LEAVE
ME.



SOON.



YOUR
ILLUSIONS
CANNOT HIDE
YOU.

FOR
WE ARE
ALL MAGIC
HERE.



WELCOME...

...TO THE
RIGHTEOUS.



HAVE
YOU COME TO
FIGHT EVIL?



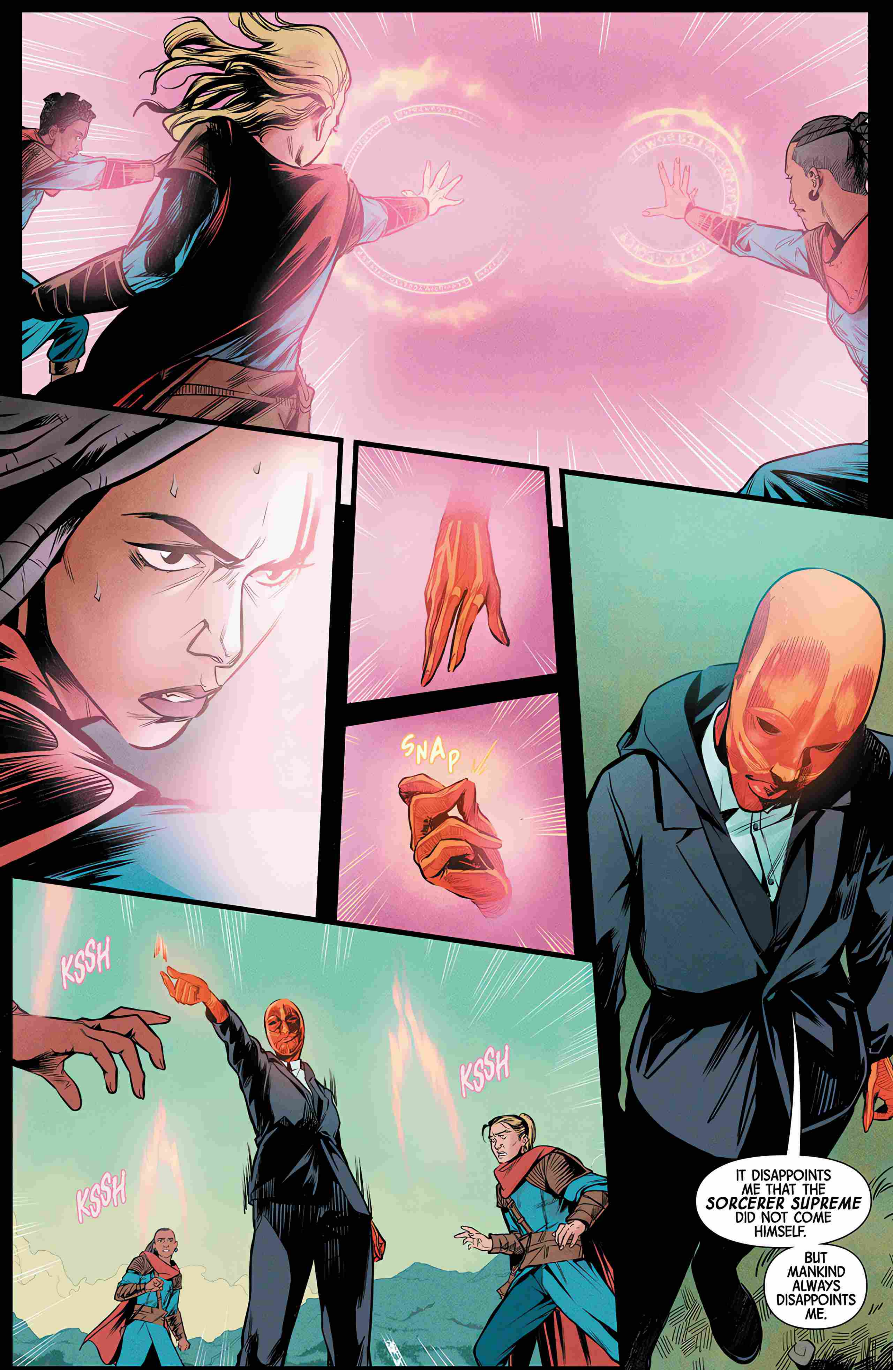
YOU ARE AN
ABOMINATION.

AND
OUR PATH IS
CLEAR.



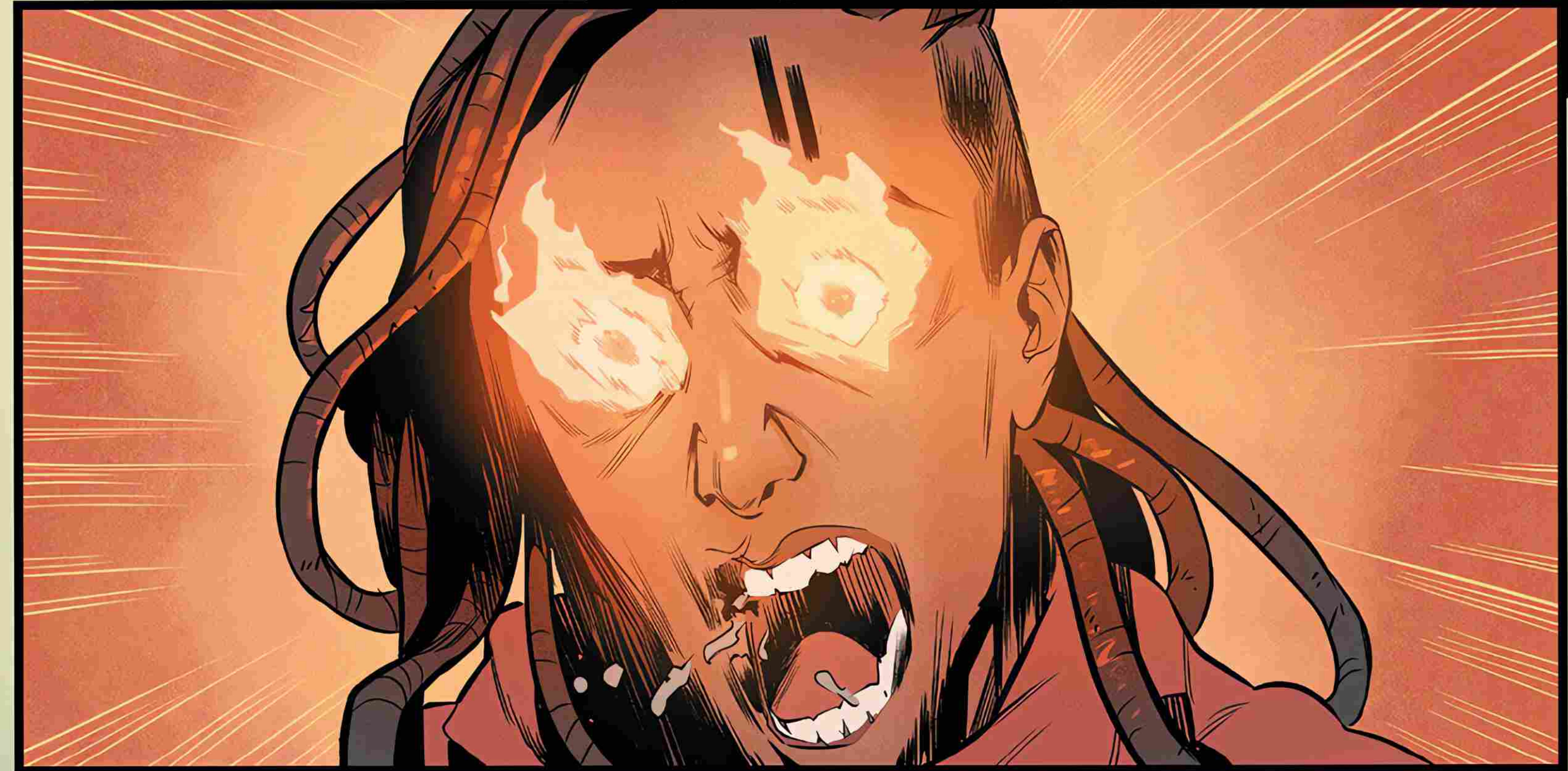
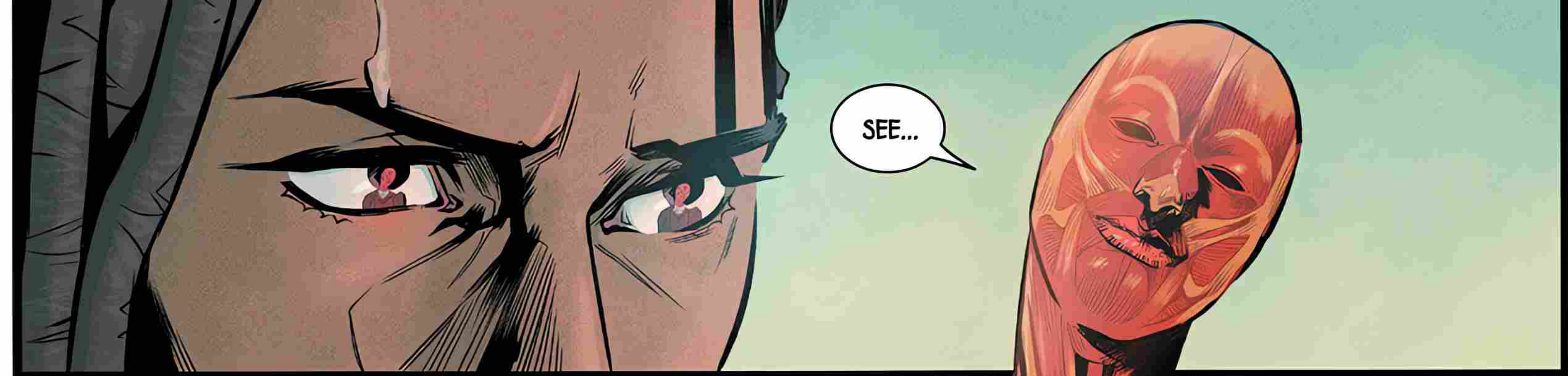
WE MUST SEND WORD
TO THE SORCERER
SUPREME.

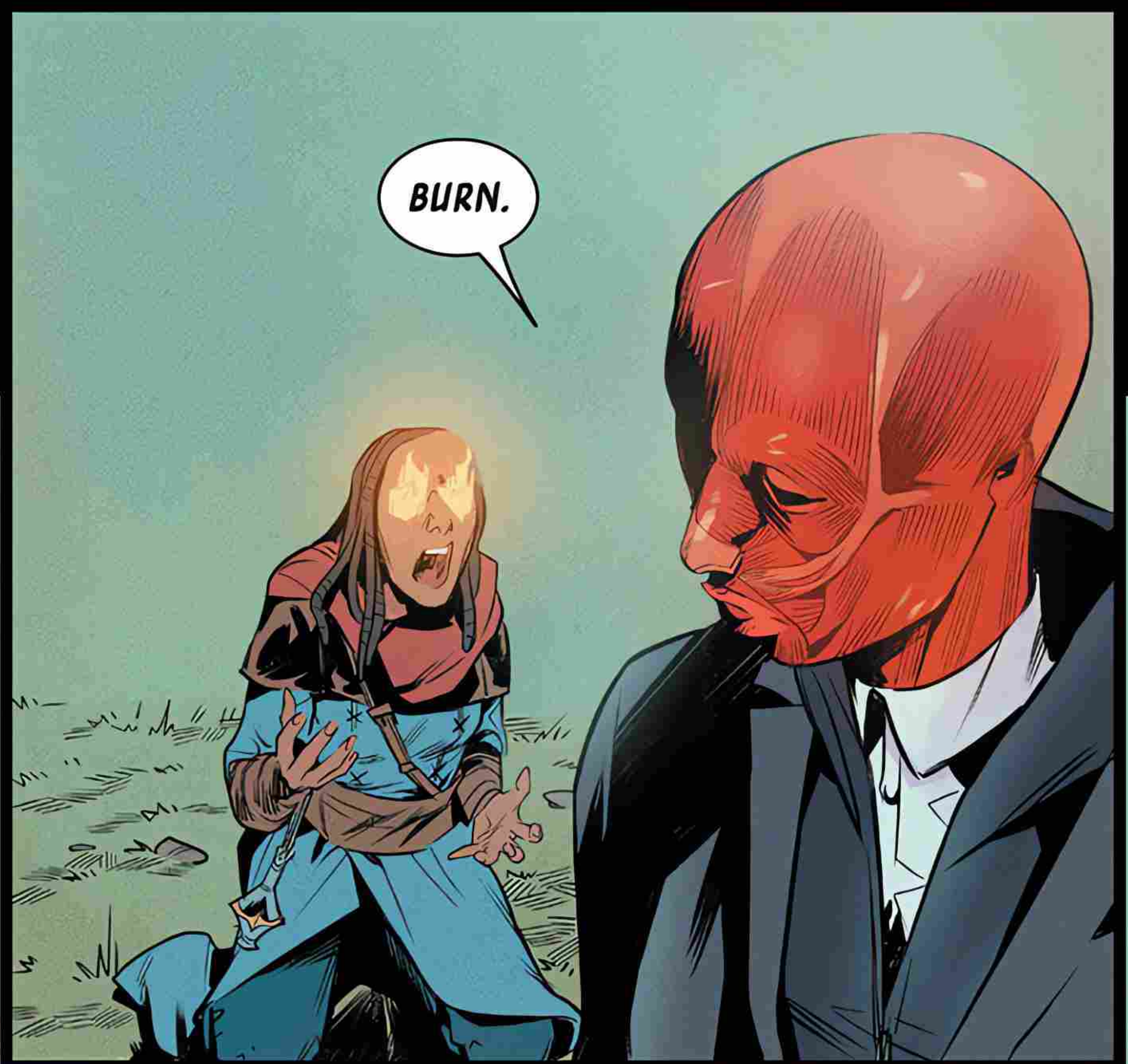
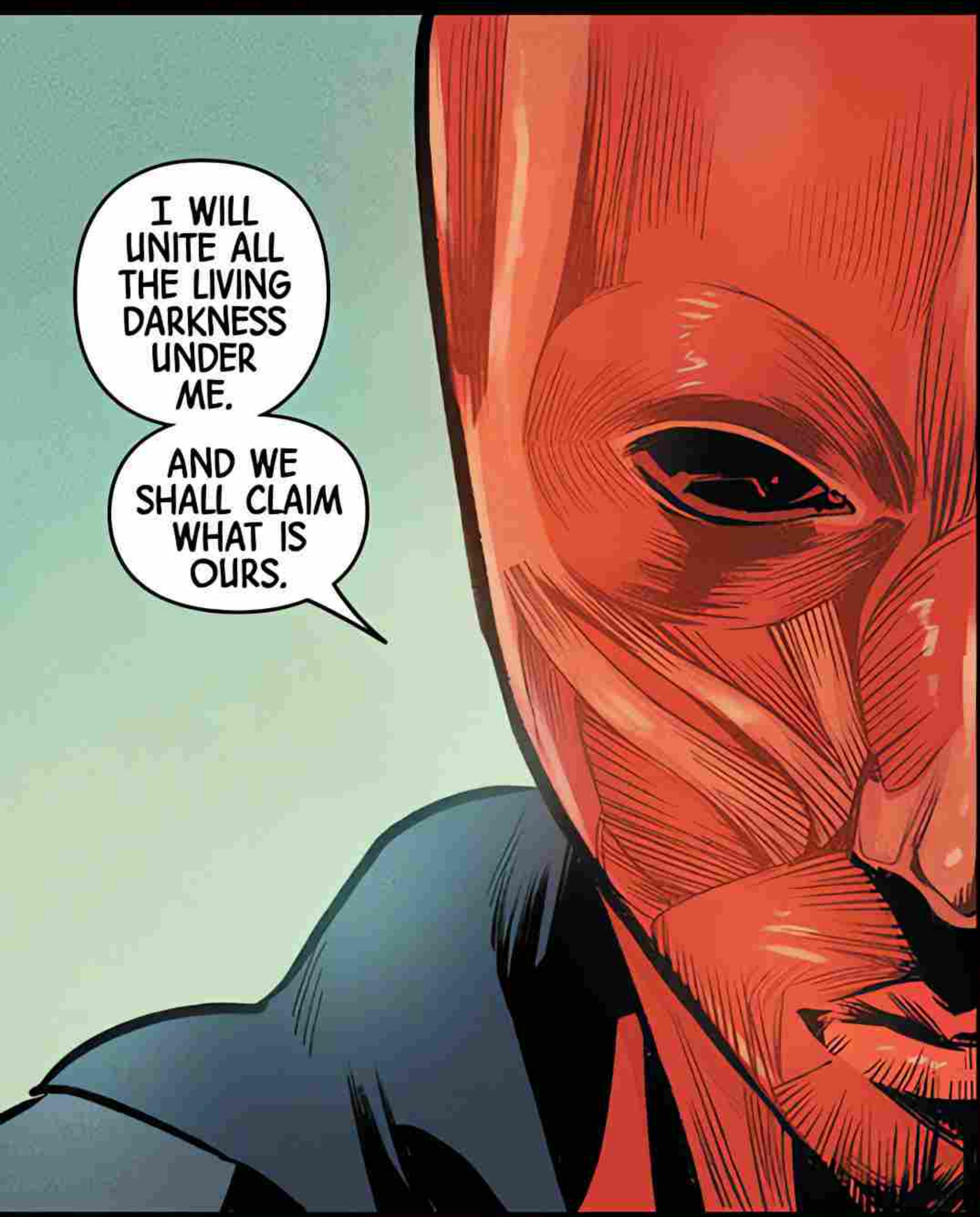
**THE
ADANA HAS BEEN
FOUND!**



IT DISAPPOINTS
ME THAT THE
SORCERER SUPREME
DID NOT COME
HIMSELF.

BUT
MANKIND
ALWAYS
DISAPPOINTS
ME.





ERIC BROOKS IS THE HALF-HUMAN/HALF-VAMPIRE HYBRID KNOWN AS BLADE. HE POSSESSES VAMPIRIC STRENGTH, SENSES AND LONGEVITY BUT IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND DAYLIGHT. BLADE HAS DEDICATED HIS LONG LIFE TO BATTLING SUPERNATURAL EVILS, AND HE IS ABOUT TO FACE HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE YET...

BLADE

MOTHER OF EVIL PART THREE

AFTER UNKNOWNLY RELEASING AN EVIL FORCE CALLED THE ADANA, BLADE NOW SEEKS TO DESTROY HER WITH THE HELP OF ROTH, A ROGUE MEMBER OF A SECRET SECT OF WARRIORS. FIRST, THOUGH, THEY NEED A POWERFUL WEAPON. BUT BLADE'S GO-TO SUPERNATURAL ARMS DEALER—AND HIS EX—TULIP HAS PROBLEMS OF HER OWN. AND WHILE TRYING TO HELP HER RESOLVE THEM, BLADE'S MIND AND BODY END UP BEING TAKEN OVER BY THE POWERFUL CRIME BOSS LORD DAIDO!

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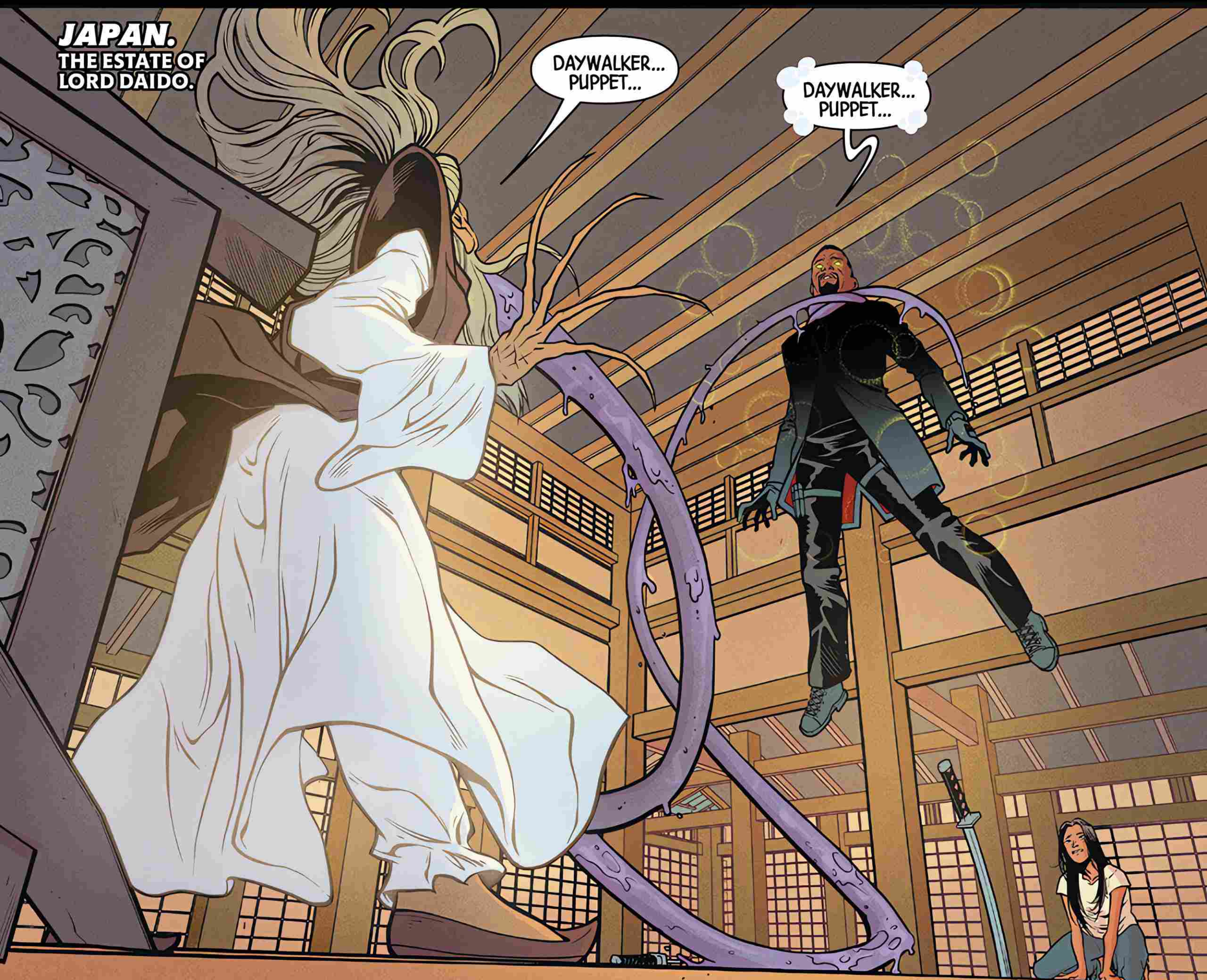
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JAPAN.
THE ESTATE OF
LORD DAIDO.

DAYWALKER...
PUPPET...

DAYWALKER...
PUPPET...



YOU...
RESIST...

...HOW...?



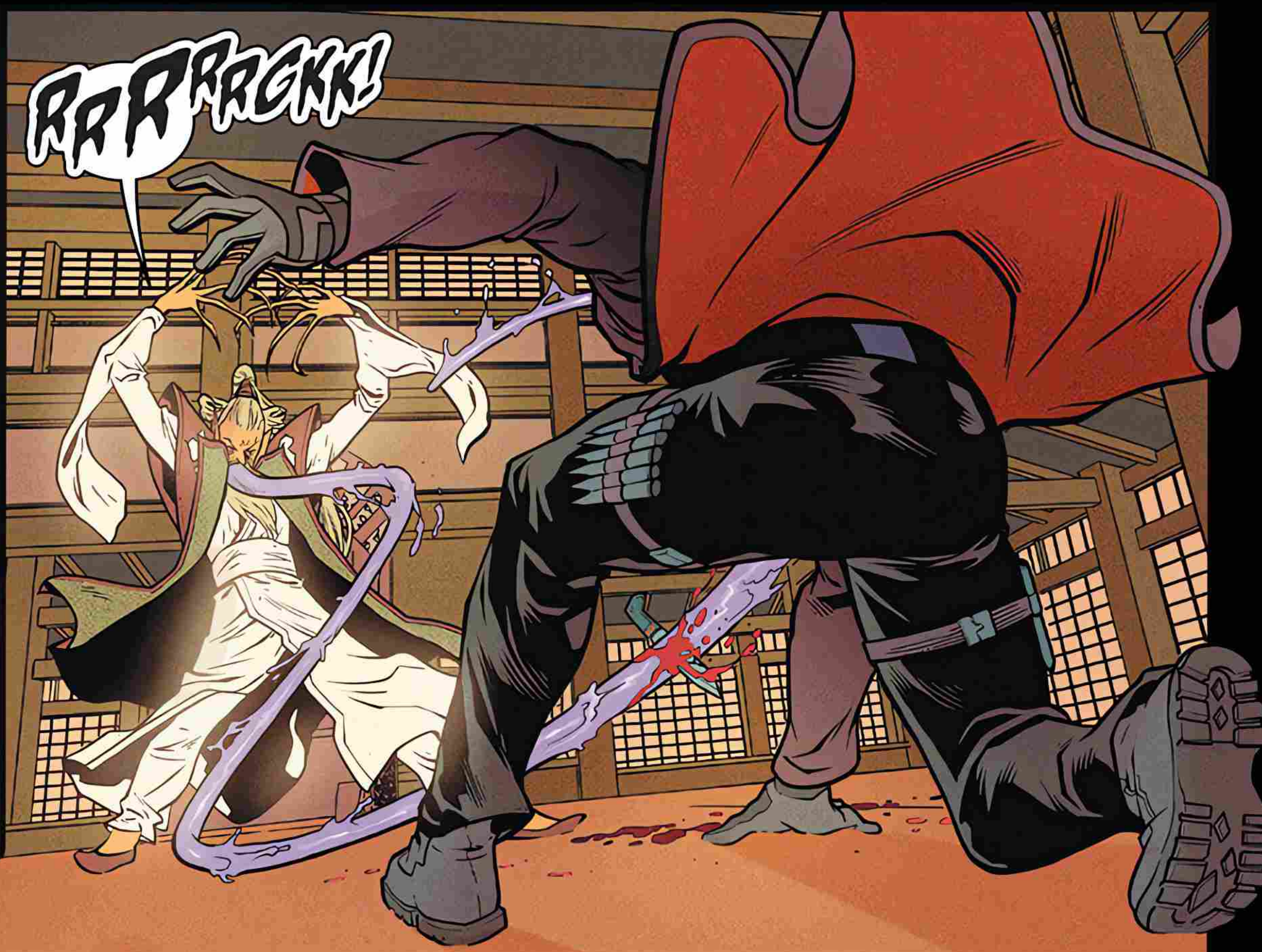


SAME
WAY I ALWAYS
DO IT.



I GET

PISSED.



RRRRREKK!



BLADE--

JUST GIVE
IT A SECOND,
TULIP.



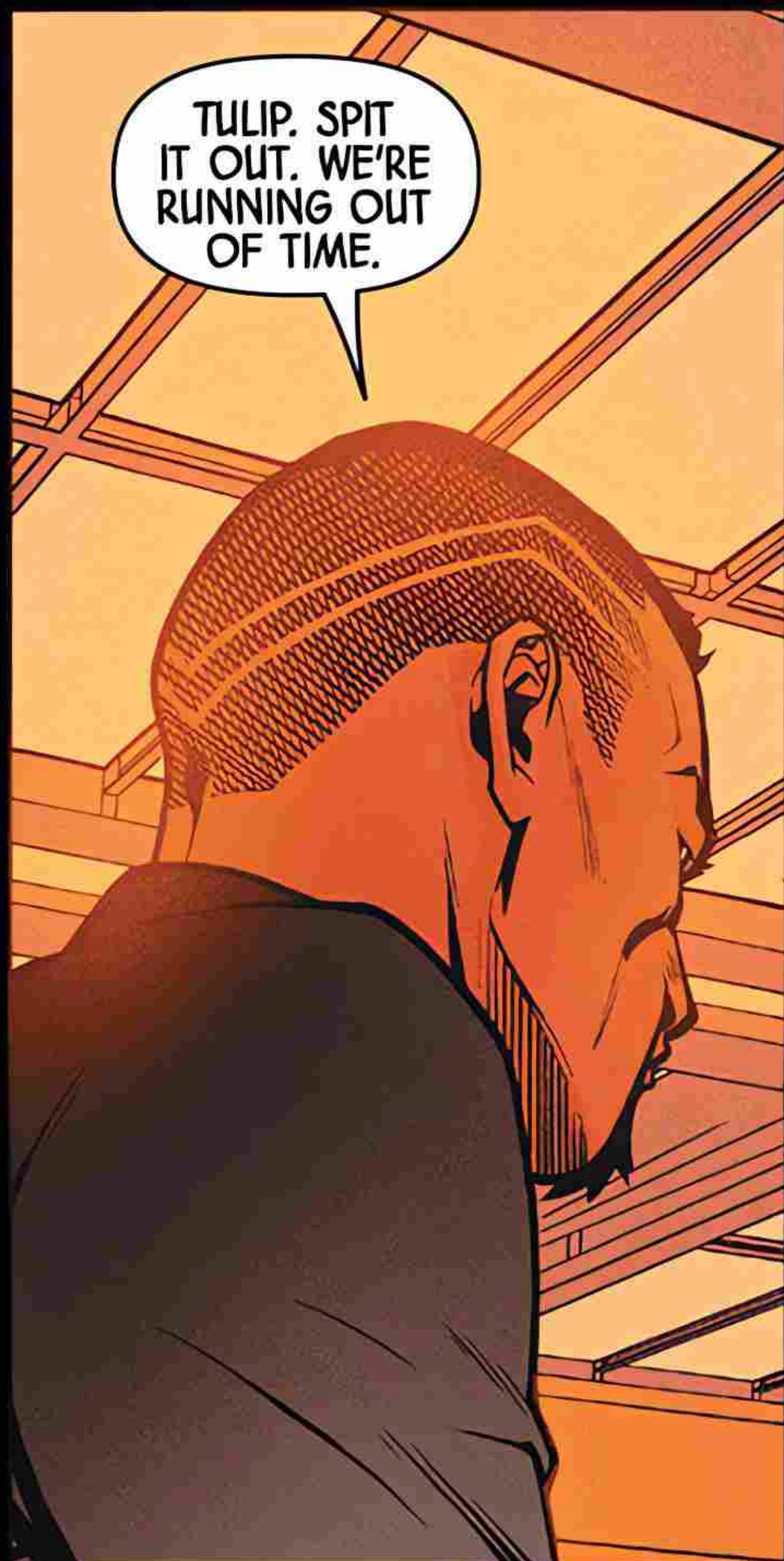




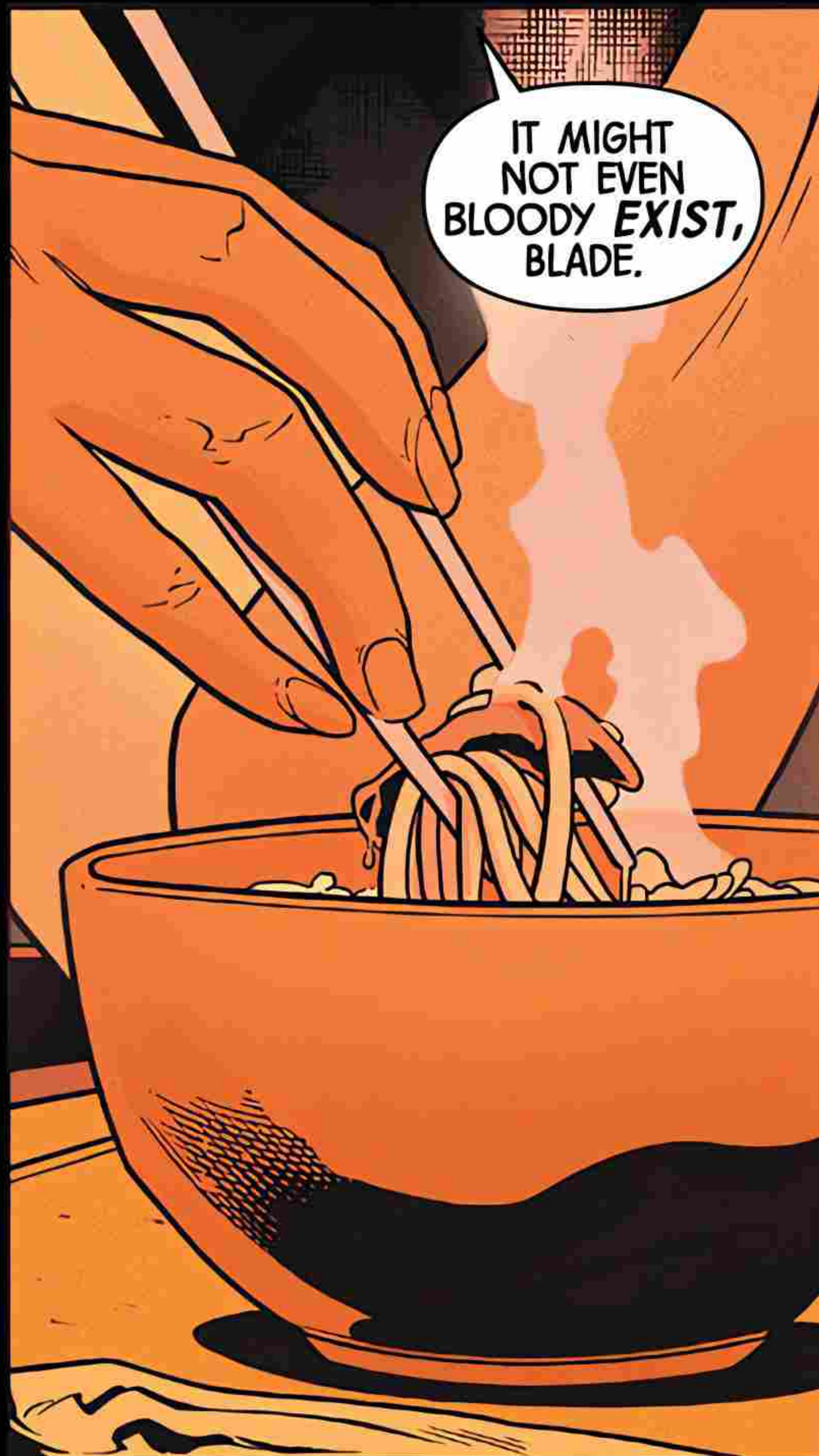
ALL RIGHT, TULIP, THIS IS THE PART WHERE YOU RUN AWAY AND BLOCK HIS NUMBER...



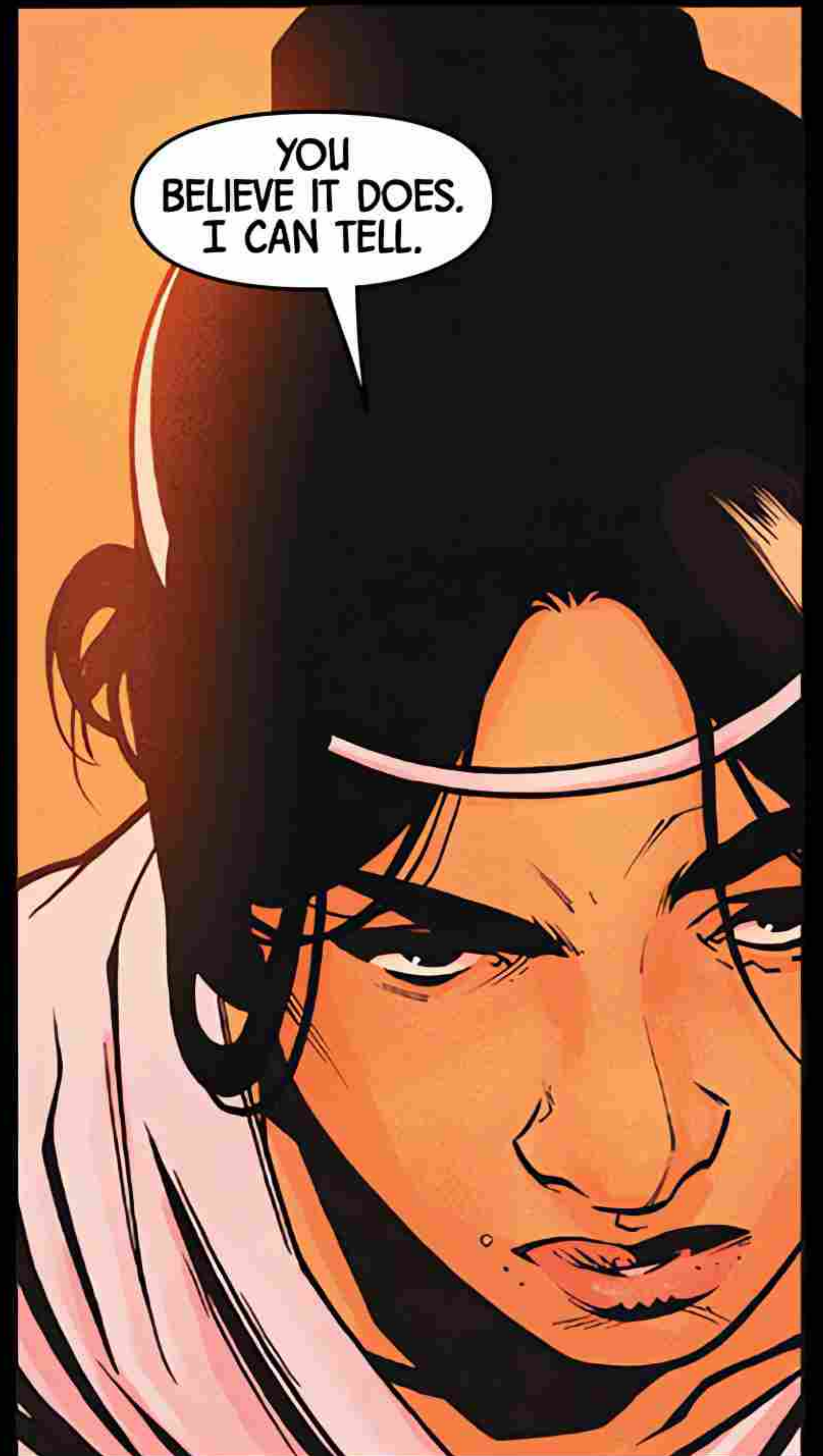
OKAY, I DO KNOW OF SOMETHING.



TULIP. SPIT IT OUT. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.



IT MIGHT NOT EVEN BLOODY *EXIST*, BLADE.



YOU BELIEVE IT DOES. I CAN TELL.



IS SHORT-STUFF ALWAYS LIKE THIS?

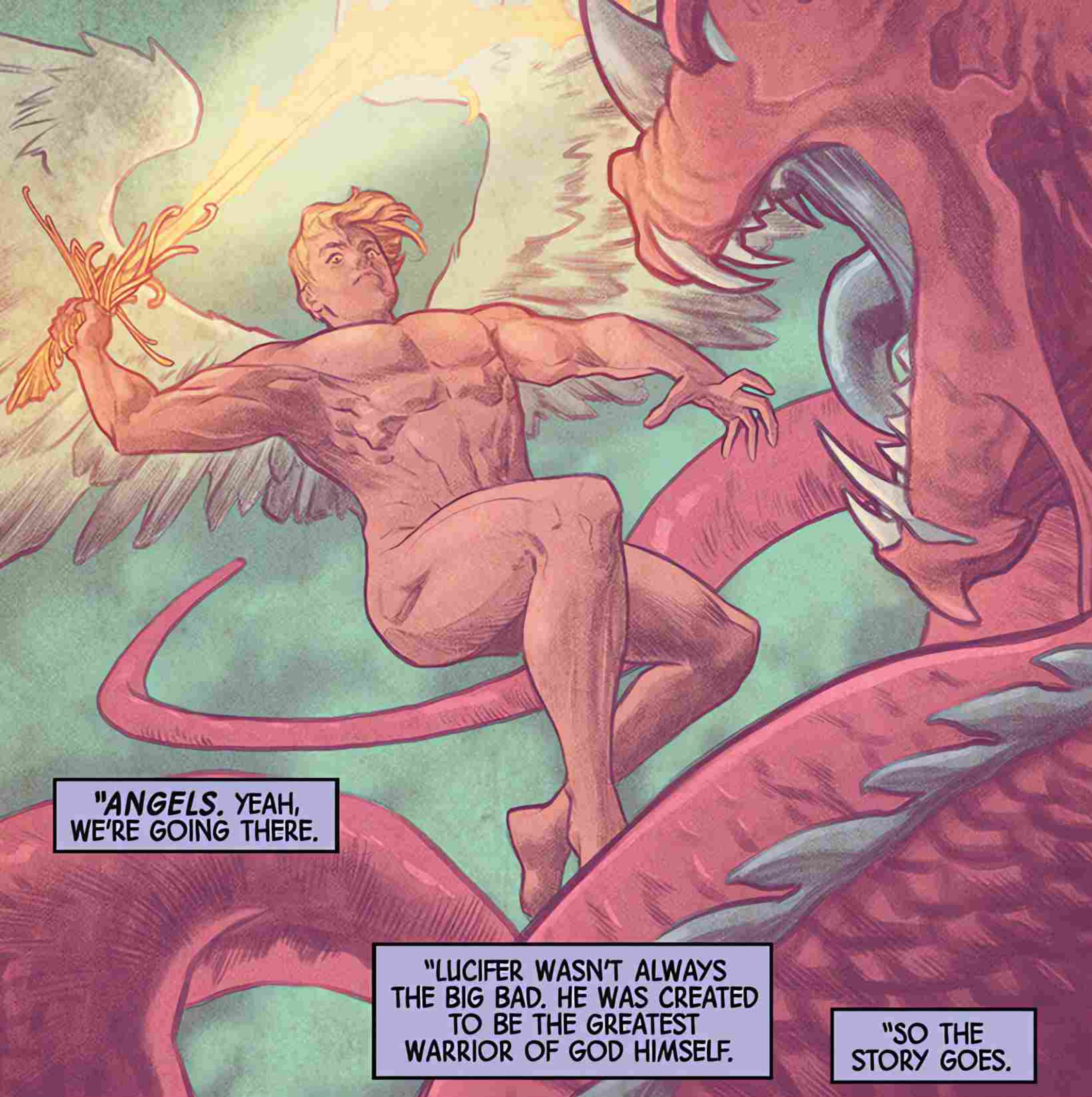
I GUESS. WE KINDA JUST MET.

I AM CONSISTENT. IT IS MY LEARNED WAY.

AND MY NAME IS ROTH.

OOOOKAYYY.

STORY TIME.



"ANGELS. YEAH, WE'RE GOING THERE.

"LUCIFER WASN'T ALWAYS THE BIG BAD. HE WAS CREATED TO BE THE GREATEST WARRIOR OF GOD HIMSELF.

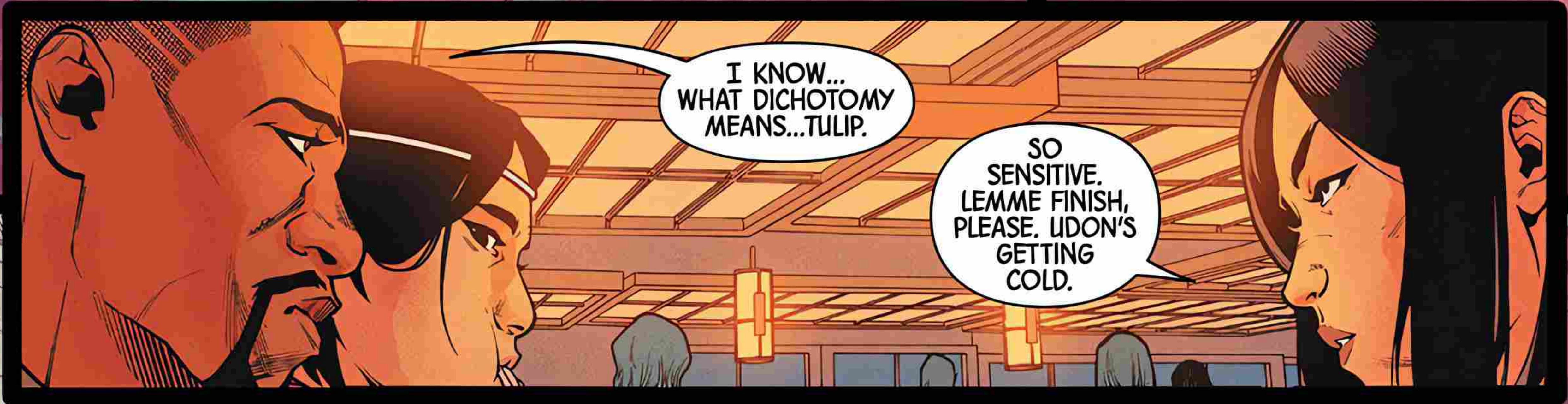
"SO THE STORY GOES.



"SO GOD CREATES GOOD AND EVIL. LIKE NIGHT AND DAY. I'M GONNA USE A BIG WORD HERE, PEOPLE-- TRY TO STAY WITH ME.

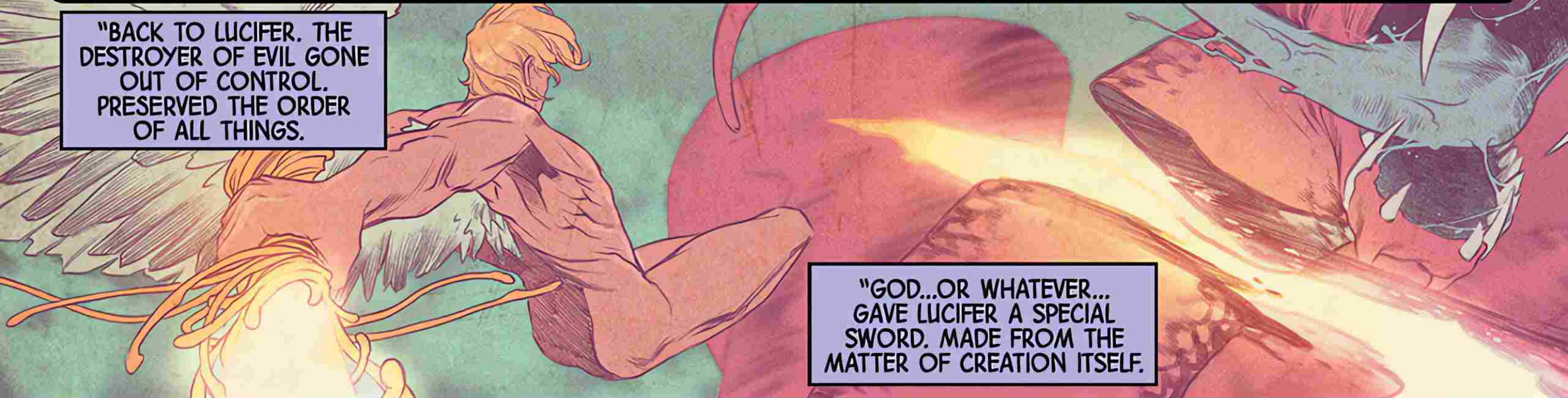
"DICHOTOMY.

"BASICALLY MEANS SPLIT IN TWO. TWO HALVES THAT MAKE A WHOLE. NO LIGHT WITHOUT DARK, ALL THAT."



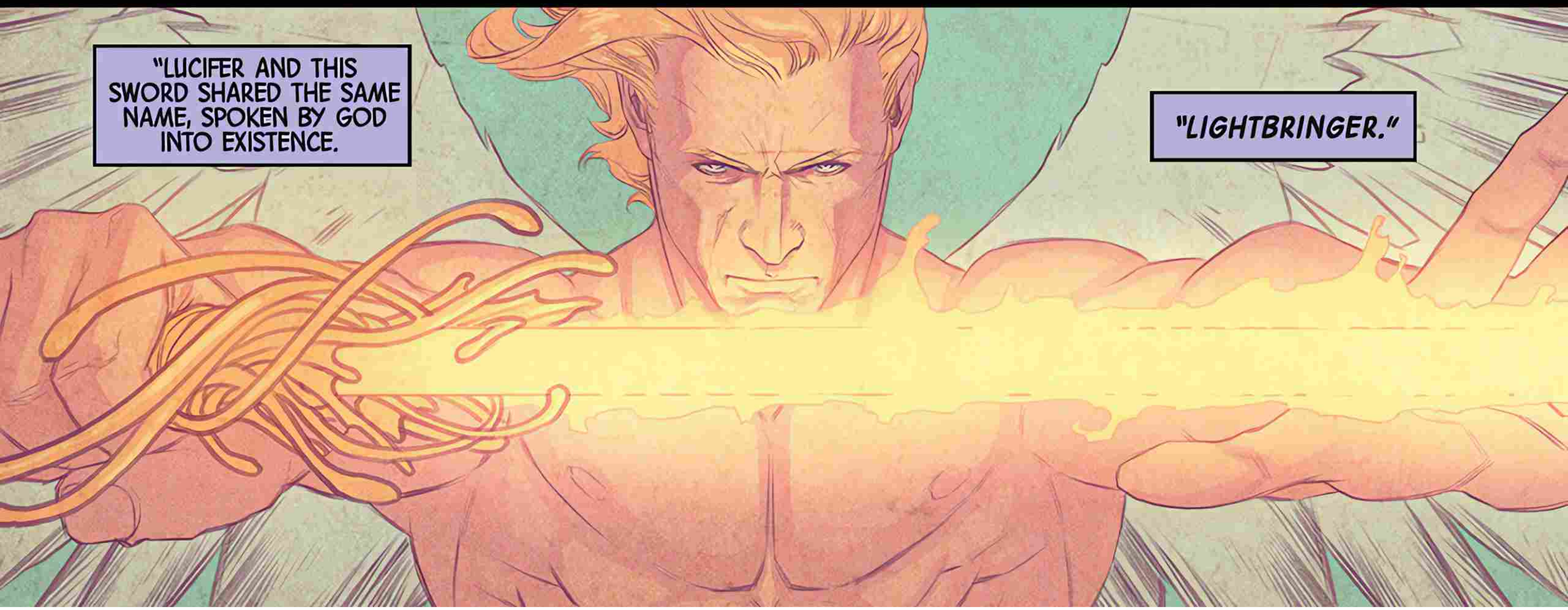
I KNOW... WHAT DICHOTOMY MEANS...TULIP.

SO SENSITIVE. LEMME FINISH, PLEASE. UDON'S GETTING COLD.



"BACK TO LUCIFER. THE DESTROYER OF EVIL GONE OUT OF CONTROL. PRESERVED THE ORDER OF ALL THINGS.

"GOD...OR WHATEVER... GAVE LUCIFER A SPECIAL SWORD. MADE FROM THE MATTER OF CREATION ITSELF.



"LUCIFER AND THIS SWORD SHARED THE SAME NAME, SPOKEN BY GOD INTO EXISTENCE.

"LIGHTBRINGER."



SO I
NEED TO
BORROW A
SWORD FROM
THE DEVIL.

I CALL
THAT LIGHT
WORK.



SLUURP.



IT MIGHT
BE EASIER IF
THE DEVIL WAS
THE ONE WHO
STILL HAS IT.



HAMILTON
ACHILLES. YOU
FAMILIAR?

NOPE.

GUESS YOU
AND I TRAVEL
IN DIFFERENT
CIRCLES.

ACHILLES
INDUSTRIES.

THEY SELL
WEAPONS. AND
THIRD-WORLD NATIONS.
IMAGINE TONY STARK,
AND THEN REPLACE
TECHNOLOGY WITH
BRUTALITY.

RUMOR HAS
IT HE COLLECTS
SUPERNATURAL
WEAPONS.

YOU
KNOW. BECAUSE
HE'S THAT KIND OF
*****.

SO ACHILLES
HAS THIS...
LIGHTBRINGER. I
GET THE PLAN.

SMASH AND
GRAB FROM SOME
COMPOUND. KILL SOME
DUDES. BREAK INTO A
VAULT. LIKE I SAID.
LIGHT WORK.

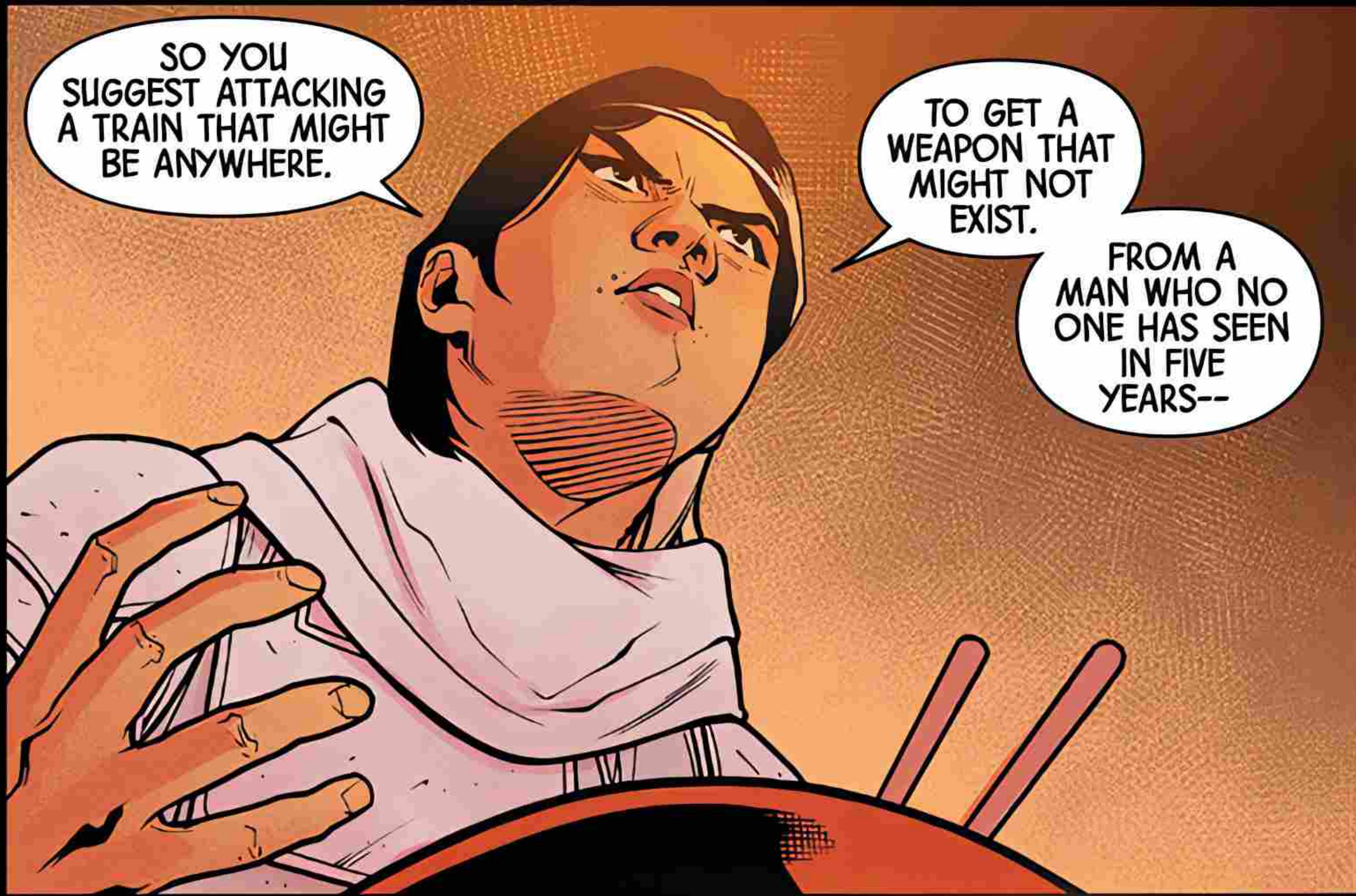
ACHILLES
DOESN'T LIVE IN
A COMPOUND. TOO
MANY PEOPLE WANT
TO KILL HIM FOR
THAT.





"ACHILLES LIVES ON A *TRAIN*. CONSTANTLY MOVING. IT'S A FORTRESS GOING 150 MPH. HE'S NEVER IN A COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS.

"NO ONE HAS SEEN HIM IN FIVE YEARS."



SO YOU SUGGEST ATTACKING A TRAIN THAT MIGHT BE ANYWHERE.

TO GET A WEAPON THAT MIGHT NOT EXIST.

FROM A MAN WHO NO ONE HAS SEEN IN FIVE YEARS--



YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND NEGATIVE, KID. SHHH.



SO WE NEED A LOCATION FOR THE TRAIN AND SOME INTEL ON WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET THROUGH.

OH, NO. I TOLD YOU WHAT I KNEW.

I'M NOT ATTACKING A DAMN FORTRESS TRAIN.



THAT'S ALL YOU, BLADE.



SOUNDS LIKE WE NEED YOU--

YOU NEED THE *HULK*. AND I DON'T HAVE HIS NUMBER.



LOOK, I'M A BUSINESSWOMAN. I HAVE CLIENTS. SELL THINGS. I BUY NICE THINGS WITH THE MONEY.

SUICIDE MISSIONS AREN'T MY STYLE.



IF THE ADANA ISN'T SLAIN, THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT WILL END.



THEN I'LL BE WEARING GUCCI, DRINKING A MARTINI WHEN IT HAPPENS.

YOU KILLED DAIDO. I FORKED OUT MILLION-DOLLAR INTEL. WE'RE EVEN. GOOD LUCK.



WHAT IS...A MARTINI?

WATER FOR GROWN FOLKS.

TULIP...

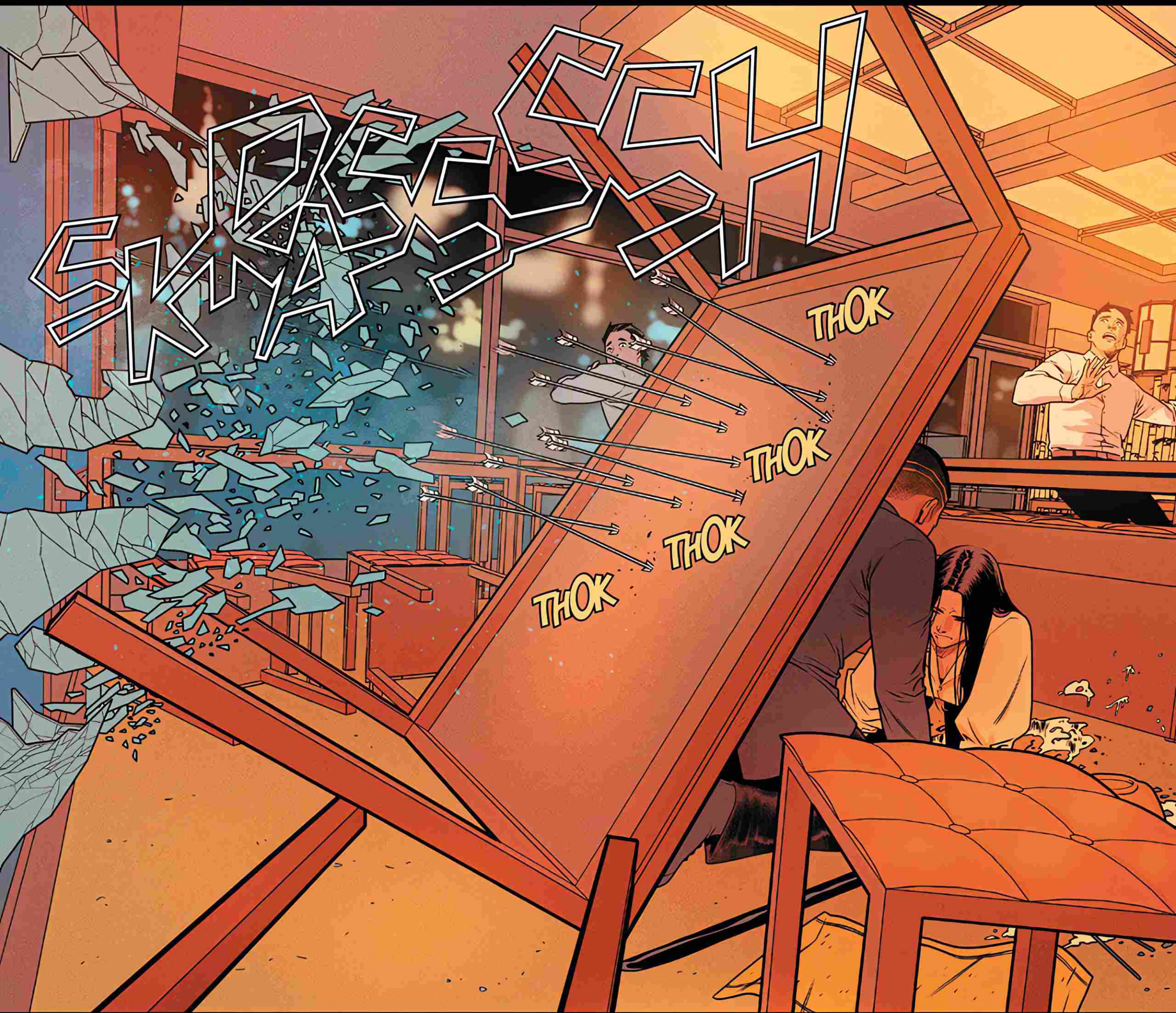


SAVE IT. THE WORLD IS AT STAKE. I OWE YOU. BLAH. BLAH. BLAH.

JUST BECAUSE WE ***** DOESN'T MEAN I'M IN YOUR WORLD AGAIN, BLADE.



GET DOWN!!!



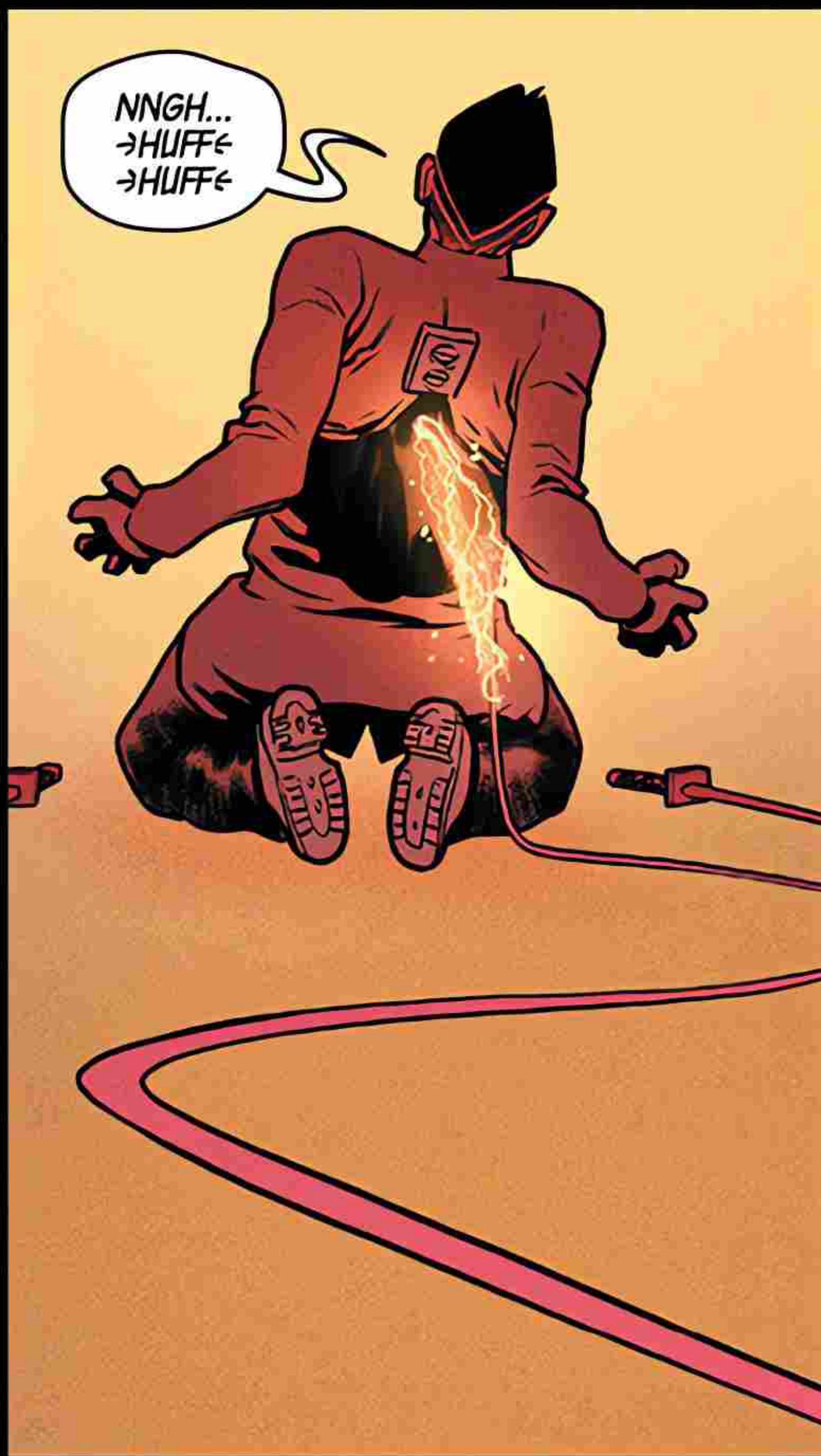


MY
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS.

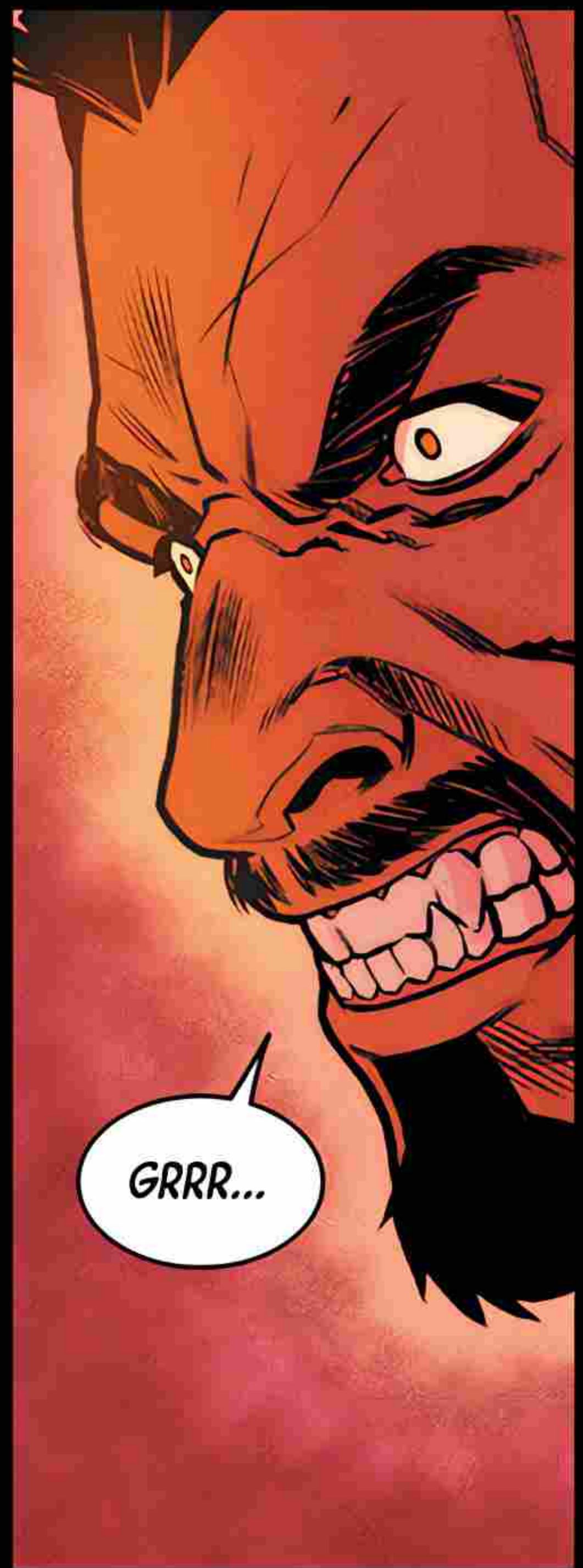


AAGHH!!!

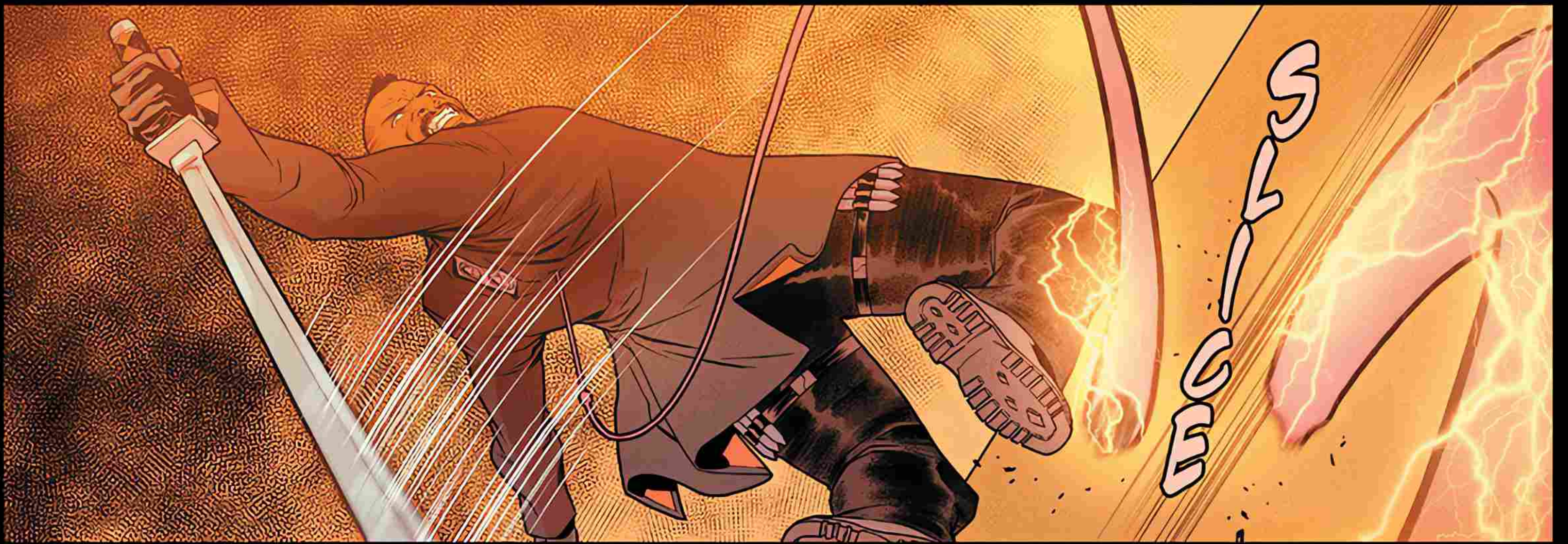
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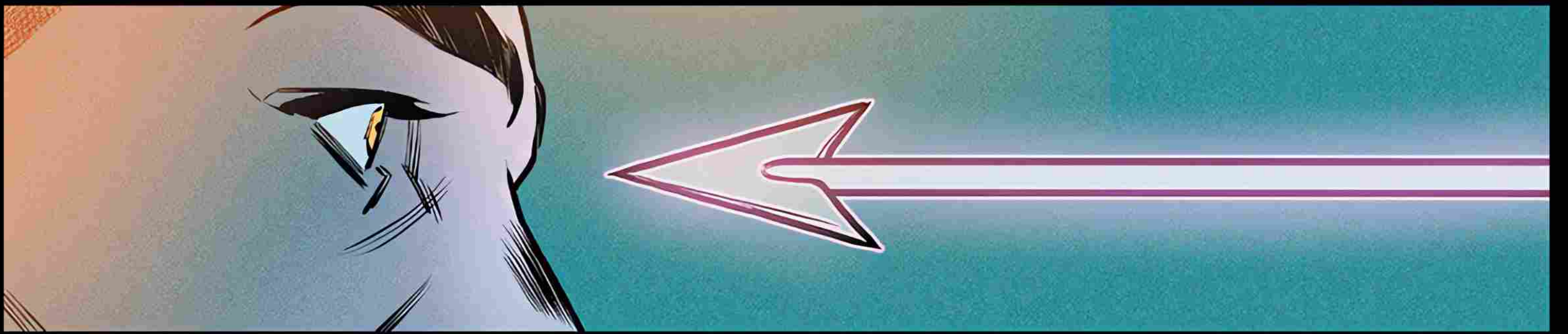


NNGH...
>HUFF<
>HUFF<



GRRR...







--I HEAR
YOU ARE THE ONE
RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR
COLLISION COURSE
WITH ARMAGEDDON.

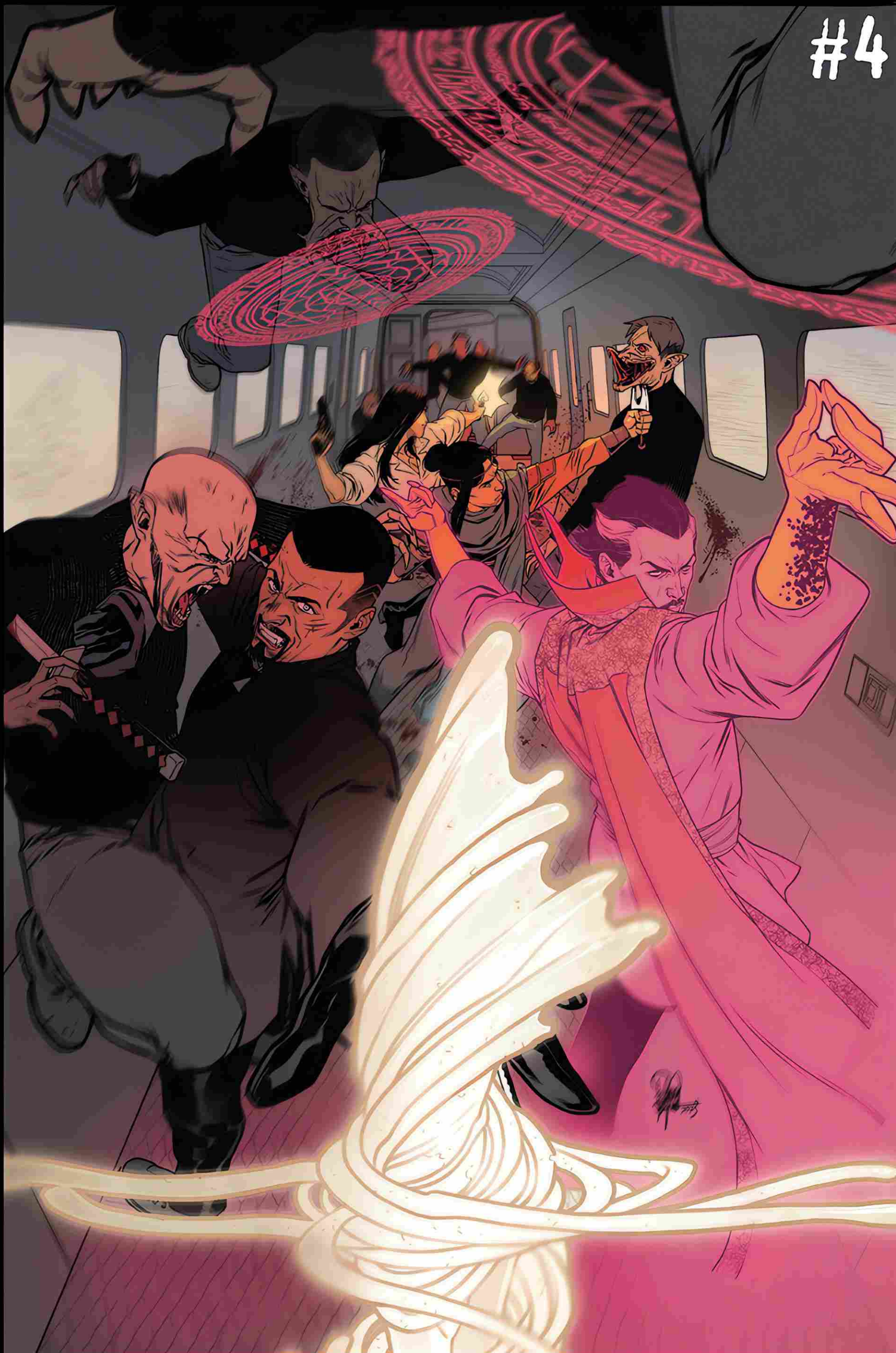
I'M NOT
ANGRY.

I'M
DISAPPOINTED.

NEXT:
DOCTOR
STRANGE

NEXT

DOCTOR STRANGE JOINS BLADE, TULIP AND ROTH A FOR AN EXHILARATING HEIST ABOARD AN ARMORED TRAIN FULL OF VAMPIRES! CAN THEY ESCAPE WITH THE NOTORIOUS HAMILTON ACHILLES' MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?



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